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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification of the above-referenced U.S. National Phase Application as follows. Marked copies of the revisions have been provided in the attached Appendix I.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 95, lines 10-12, with the following paragraph:

--(6) oversecretion of amylase accompanied by endoscopic cholangio  
pancreatography;--

Please replace the paragraph at page 95, line 28, to page 96, line 6, with the following paragraph: